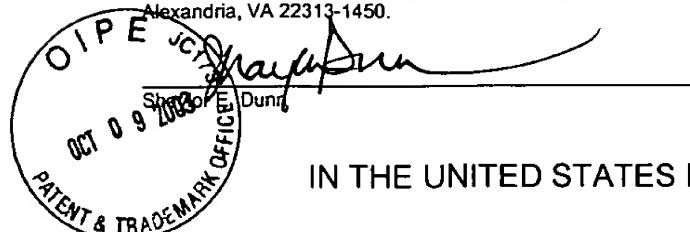


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This is responsive to the Official Action dated May 9, 2003, having a term that expired on August 9, 2003. A petition for a 2-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including October 9, 2003 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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